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SUBJECT: SPAIN REQUESTS INCLUSION IN ENERGY CONFERENCE

1. AMBASSADOR SAGAZ CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON JANUARY 24 TO SAY HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST THAT SPAIN BE INVITED TO ATTEND FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE. SAID SPAIN, WHICH IMPORTS MORE CRUDE OIL THAN FIVE COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE ATTENDING CONFERENCE, WOULD BE ONLY IMPORTANT EUROPEAN OIL CONSUMER ABSENT. SPAIN DESIRES TO BE PRESENT, SINCE CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT MEASURES THAT COULD DEEPLY AFFECT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTERESTS OF SPAIN.

2. UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON EXPLAINED THAT IN VIEW USG CONVICTION THAT ONLY RELATIVELY SMALL GROUP COULD HOPE TO GET ANYTHING DONE, WE HAD INVITED ONLY MEMBERS OF OECD HIGH LEVEL OIL GROUP. IN ORDER TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAKING DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN EC MEMBERS WE LEFT TO THEM

THE FORM OF THEIR PARTICIPATION AND THEY DECIDED THAT ALL MEMBER STATES SHOULD BE INCLUDED. TO OPEN CONFERENCE TO ANY ADDITIONAL COUNTRY AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, WOULD MEAN HAVING TO OPEN IT TO MANY OTHERS, WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

3. WITH RESPECT TO SPANISH CONCERN THAT CONFERENCE MIGHT ADOPT MEASURES AFFECTING SPAIN, MR. DONALDSON SAID WE DID NOT EXPECT FEBRUARY 11 CONFERENCE TO MAKE SPECIFIC DECISIONS OR ADOPT MEASURES. ITS PURPOSE WOULD BE TO CONSTITUTE FIRST STEP IN ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ENERGY MATTERS. IT SHOULD SET IN MOTION A PROGRAM OF WORK IN SPECIFIC AREAS, SUCH AS REDUCTION OF CONSUMPTION, DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES, ETC. WE WOULD EXPECT SPAIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE WORK FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE. CERTAINLY NO MEASURE AFFECTING SPAIN WOULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH SPAIN. KISSINGER

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